

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 11-19, 22-29 and 32-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims 1-8, 11-19, 22-29 and 32-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks to follow.

Claims 1-8, 11-19 and 32-39 are canceled which obviates any further discussion.

Sec. 112

The rejection of Claims 22-29 under this section with respect to the optional cross-linking agent is believed to be overcome with the suggested amendment to paragraph 47 of the specification.

As to the rejection of Claim 22 with respect to the term “essentially non-gelled,” it is noted that these Claims define the polymeric composition as “substantially non-gelled”. It is submitted that anyone skilled in the art would know what is substantially non-gelled when considered with the teachings of the specification. For example, the Examiner’s attention is respectfully directed to paragraph 21 of the specification. Reconsideration is requested particularly in view of the amendment to Claim 22 and accordingly claims 21-29 defining the composition as a powder.

Sec. 103(a)

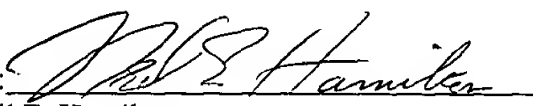
Claim 22 and accordingly all of the claims under consideration define a powder coating composition including a cross-linking agent. This defined composition is not taught or suggested by the prior art for the following reasons.

Japanese Patent No. 59-142242 teaches polymers with particular properties such as being anti-static. It does not teach or suggest the defined powder coating composition.

Japanese Patent No. 2-279729 suffers the same deficiencies as the '242 patent. The Examiner's attention is directed to the last paragraph of page 5 and the properties indicated which are mold release, wear resistance, lubricating, impact resistance, etc. There is no teaching of a powder material.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is deemed to be in condition for allowance. If it is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney for a telephone interview.

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